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Bluegrass music comes to town

There will be some serious pickin' and grinnin' when the Slocan Ramblers roll into Minden on May 8. The Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival and the Haliburton County Folk Society have booked the Slocan Ramblers for a concert and free bluegrass music workshop.

The Slocan Ramblers are Canada's young bluegrass band to watch. Rooted in the tradition, fearlessly creative, and possessing a bold, dynamic sound, the Slocan Ramblers have quickly become a leading light of Canada's roots music scene, built on their reputation for memorable, energetic live shows and impeccable musicianship.

For musicians wishing to improve their mandolin, guitar, banjo and stand-up bass skills can register for a free bluegrass music workshop that runs from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. on May 8 at the Minden United Church. There will be some one-on-one instruction followed by a jam with the instructors! Space is limited. For more information or to register contact Barrie at 705-754-3436 or barrie.martin@sympatico.ca

The workshop will be followed by a concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Minden United Church. The BenTTree Bluegrass Band will open the concert and Roxanne Casey of Canoe FM will be the MC. Tickets are $25 or $20 for members and students. Children under 12 are free. Tickets are available at the Organic Times in Minden and Halco Electronics in Haliburton or on line at www.haliburtonfolk.com. Come early to Minden and treat yourself to a tasty supper at one of the local restaurants.

The workshop and the concert set the stage for the Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival scheduled for July 17 to 19. For more information visit www.mindenhillsbluegrassfestival.ca.

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The Association for Workplace Tragedy Family Support, known as Threads of Life, supports those affected by a workplace tragedy. Starting April 26, the public can help by making a donation at any of the more than 650 LCBO stores throughout Ontario. Donation boxes for Threads of Life will be displayed at LCBO checkout counters untilMay 23.

Threads of Life offers hope and healing for families affected by a workplace fatality, traumatic life-altering injury, or occupational disease. It supports more than 2,000 family members across Canada. In Ontario, LCBO donations will be used to provide one-on-one peer support and a weekend forum that families can attend to share their experience and learn healthy coping skills.

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"LCBO is pleased to partner with Threads of Life and support a variety of worthy causes through the Giving Back In Our Community fundraising program," says LCBO president and CEO Bob Peter. "The generosity of LCBO customers and staff enable these charitable organizations to make a significant impact in helping individuals and communities across Ontario."

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Threads of Life thanks the public for its support when shopping at their local LCBO store from April 26 - May 23, 2015.

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Peter Schleifenbaum receives the Zavitz Award at the OPFA conference

Peter Schleifenbaum, received the Zavitz Award from the Ontario Professional Foresters Association (OPFA) during its 58th annual conference in Toronto. The award, which is named for E.J. Edmund Zavitz, Ontario's first provincial forester and the person known as "The Man Who Saved Ontario with Trees and Determination," recognizes significant contribution to forest conservation.

Born, raised, and educated in Germany, Dr. Schleifenbaum and his family arrived in Haliburton in 1988 to take on the management of Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve. As a registered professional forester with a PhD in forest history and forest economics, Schleifenbaum's focus was on the vast timber resources of Haliburton Forest, which had been neglected for decades. At the time of his arrival Haliburton Forest was almost entirely focused on tourism activities. Undaunted, Schleifenbaum embraced the notion of multi-use forest stewardship, and he began developing an innovative tourism business and building an integrated forestry company. As a result, Haliburton Forest is now known for its unique tourism operations like dogsledding, canopy tours and citizen science adventures. It is also known as Canada's first certified private forest by the Forest Stewardship Council in 1998.

Today, Schleifenbaum is involved with every aspect of Haliburton Forest, from designing experimental forest practices, to creating new non-timber forest products like chagga tea.

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Don't sell out on safety

Used items available at garage sales may not be safe for resale, health unit warns

With garage sale season here again, local residents are being reminded not to sell out on safety.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit warns that selling unsafe items at garage sales can be dangerous. Many products, especially for young children, may not meet safety standards and are better dismantled, destroyed or thrown out.

In Canada, people who hold a garage sale are legally responsible under the Canada Consumer Products Safety Act for ensuring that products sold – whether new or used – are safe and meet current regulatory requirements.

Anyone who sells, distributes or gives away consumer products that do not meet regulatory requirements is breaking the law.

"Garage sale items can seem like a bargain, but in fact may pose a safety risk to the person who purchases them," says Emmy Anastasiou, a family health nurse with the HKPR District Health Unit.

"As more garage sale signs pop up around the community this spring and summer, we need to be aware that it's not just the case of buyer beware, but also seller be safe."

Anastasiou points to some specific child products that are illegal to sell or give away in Canada, including baby walkers, infant self-feeding devices, lawn darts with elongated tips, and polycarbonate baby bottles containing BPA.

She also advises people to be watchful for other products used for babies and young children such as baby gates, car seats, cradles, change tables, playpens, bike helmets and strollers.

"Many of these older products may be past their best-before or expiry dates and no longer meet specific regulatory rules," Anastasiou notes. "In these cases, it is best to throw the items out."

People can get more about consumer product information by calling Health Canada at 1-866-662-0666 or visiting www.healthcanada.gc.ca/cps. For information on consumer product recalls posted by Health Canada, visit www.healthcanada.gc.ca/cps-recalls.

"Remember that what someone considers trash can truly be someone else's treasure, just as long as it meets safety standards and will not put someone else in danger," Anastasiou notes.

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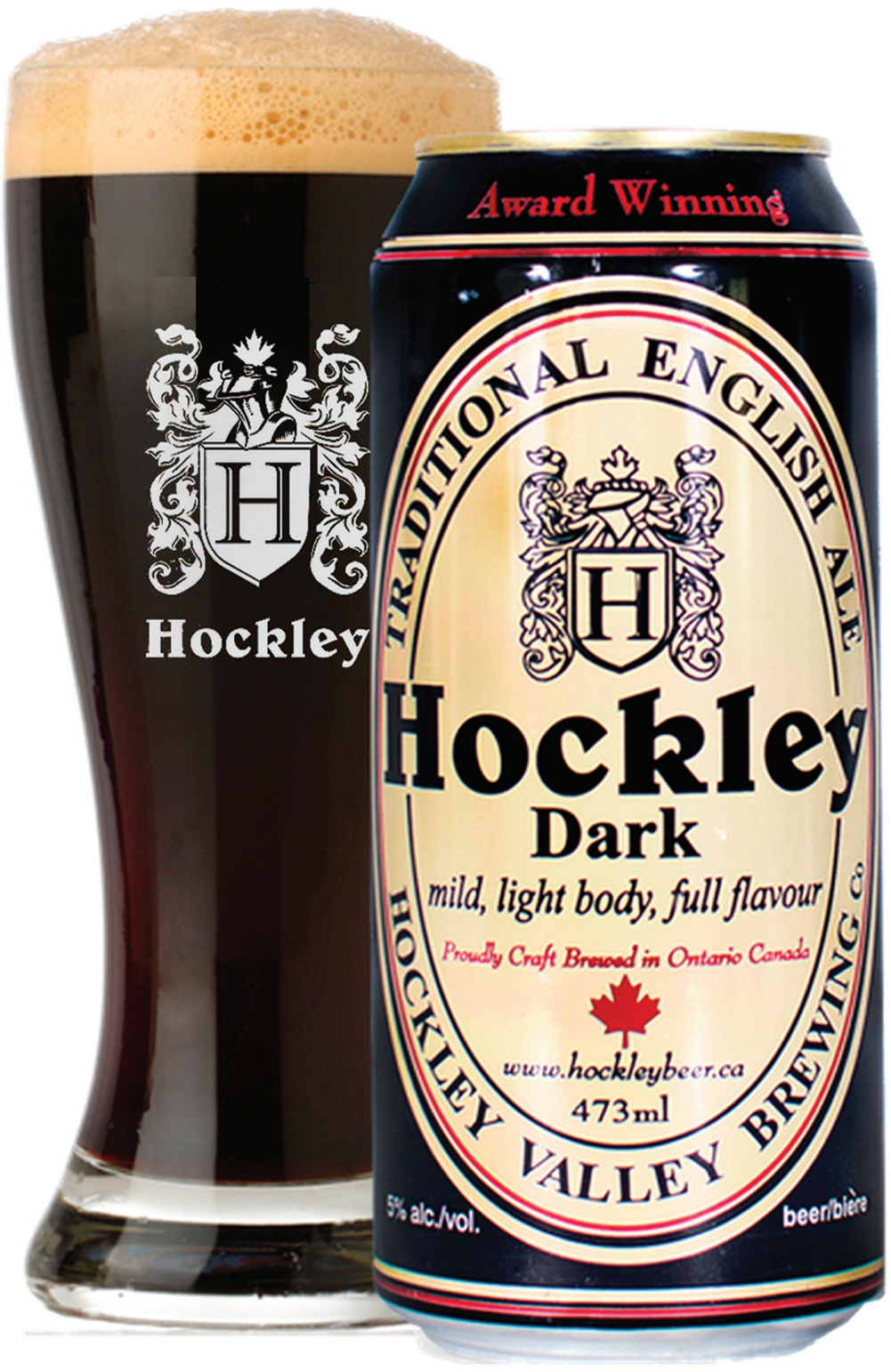

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Over the last week or so we've had several "hail events" around here. This has got me thinking about hail. I've had many great thoughts too. For instance, it just occurred to me that I might be the only person in the country thinking about hail.

Even so, I'm actually not sure what I feel about hail. Other that it hurts when it bounces off the top of your head, I mean. Oh, and that it's like rain from the freezer section.

Normally, when I am unsure about anything, I make a pros and cons list. Or I vote for it.

Here is what I came out with regarding hail.

1. Pro: It's kind of fun if it you happen to be walking with a friend named Mary or Caesar.
2. Con: It's not so fun if you left several dozen newly painted Easter eggs on the back deck to dry.
3. Pro: At least it forms as a ball. If it formed like icicles do, there'd be a lot fewer of us.
4. Con: When you try to catch some in a cocktail glass to freshen up a drink, things can go horribly wrong.
5. Pro: It's fun to watch people who have just parked their expensive vintage vehicles rush out, throw themselves over the hood and shake their fists at the sky.
6. Con: It makes things really confusing for golfers.
7. Pro: It's hell on spider webs. Actually, I have always included hail in my exit strategy should I ever get caught in the web of a giant mutant spider while exploring the ruins of an old nuclear power plant. (What? Did you think hail is the only thing I think about?)
8. Con: It's the main reason outdoors paper mache art classes aren't more popular.
9. Pro: Whenever you run into one of those people who points up to a cloud formation and says "If you look at that cloud close enough it looks like a mermaid riding a unicorn," you can just yell "Oh my God! Hail!" and watch them instinctively duck and cover their eyes. While they do this, you can make your getaway.
10. Con: It makes roller skating that much harder.

Having gone through that exercise, I'm now pro hail – for good reason too. Hey, you never know when you're going to run into a mutant spider…

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Dog foster Mary Freeman says, "fostering is perfect for travelling retirees – you get to be a part-time dog owner, no expense because Home Again pays for the dog's food and vet bills – and you fit new foster dogs in between your trips."

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People not passport clinics: Marquis

By Chad Ingram

David Marquis says he wants to give Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock better federal representation than it has seen in the past decade.

"The current MP, in my view, has become more focused on becoming Speaker of the House and holding passport clinics than representing the issues of the riding," says Marquis, the riding's Liberal candidate for the federal election, of MP Barry Devolin.

Devolin, who is a deputy speaker in the House of Commons, has held more than 100 passport clinics throughout the riding since first getting elected in 2004, a service he touts proudly.

"That is a ridiculous focus of his tenure . . . when there's so much more that needs to be done," Marquis says. "As you know, he actually moved to Ottawa. One of my priorities here will be to actually listen to everyone in the riding so I have a good understanding of what needs to be talked about in Ottawa."

A resident of Sunderland, located in Brock township, Marquis was born and raised on a beef and dairy farm.

While running the farm, he also got involved in municipal politics.

"I spent 16 years on Brock township council, both as a Ward 4 representative and as the regional councillor as well," Marquis explains.

Brock township is part of the two-tier municipality of Durham Region.

During his time in local politics, Marquis served as the chairman of the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority during the implementation of the Lake Simcoe Environmental Management Strategy, which looked at reducing phosphorous loading to improve cold water fishing.

He was also the founding chairman of the Durham Region Land Stewardship Council.

"I characterize my background as agricultural, municipal and conservational," Marquis says, whose company Advantage Specialities focuses on biologically friendly drainage treatment.

He identifies as a lifelong Liberal who believes leader Justin Trudeau will be the country's next prime minister.

"I've always been a Liberal and I certainly believe Liberals have a social conscience and I feel the Liberal party best represents the mainstream of voters in Canada," Marquis says.

While there have been criticisms levelled at Trudeau that he's achieved his position based on the legacy of his famous father, Marquis doesn't buy that.

"I don't put much stock in that," he says. "I think Justin stands on his own. I think he's a very capable leader and what really impressed me and part of the reason that I'm running is that he has an excellent team around him."

Marquis wants to see the federal government working closer with provinces on health care, including mental health care, as baby boomers age.

"We have an aging population, so I think the federal government has to focus a little more in concert with the provincial governments to provide funding for dementia patients and health care in general," he says. "People are living longer and different problems come forward and that's why mental health care is going to be a huge issue."

Marquis thinks the riding's entrepreneurs and small business owners need more assistance from the feds.

"As a small business entrepreneur – because I've been there and I've done it – the backbones of communities like ours are small businesses," he says. "We need to find ways to help people run their own home businesses and give them support so they can work from here and not have to commute."

Farmers too need more help from the federal government, Marquis says.

"We've got a really strong agricultural base here and because I have a farm background I realize that farming is one of the most regulated businesses there is. Unfortunately, what we've lost here, not just in this riding but across the country, is the family farm . . . and I think there are reasons our children are moving out of this area and into cities to look for jobs."

Marquis believes there need to community consultations on ways to make the Trent Severn Waterway a bigger tourism draw.

Canada recently started bombing targets in Syria in the government's campaign against ISIS. Marquis believes in the country's traditional role as a peacekeeper.

"I think we all need to be concerned about terrorism in the world," he says. "Active men on the ground is not something I think Canada's role is."

On Bill C-51, the government's controversial anti-terrorism legislation which would increase the powers of the country's spy agency, Marquis said he believed the original draft contravened the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, but supports the amended version.

There has been discussion recently about a possible NDP/Liberal coalition and NDP and Opposition leader Thomas Mulcair has said he'd consider a coalition with the Liberals in order to topple Stephen Harper.

Trudeau has been less clear on the subject, saying "maybe, maybe not" to whether he'd consider a coalition with the NDP, so long as someone other than Mulcair was leader.

"I'm not prepared a this point to have a personal opinion," Marquis says on the coalition issue. "My opinion at this point is that Justin Trudeau will be the next prime minister."

Marquis is running against Bill McCallum of the Green Party, NDP candidate Mike Perry and Conservative candidate Jamie Schmale, who's been executive assistant to Devolin throughout his time in office.

"Anybody who puts their name in for public officer, I have a great respect for," Marquis says, adding that Schmale "will be harnessed with the lack of accomplishments Barry has come forward with."

The federal election is slated for Oct. 18.

Greens offer real alternative this election: candidate

By Jenn Watt

Canadians and the media have started taking notice of the Green Party of Canada, local candidate Bill MacCallum says.

With two MPs in Parliament and several high-profile contenders for this fall's federal election, the 52-year-old teacher is expecting real gains for his party.

"Finally, in the last few months I'm really feeling like the media is taking the Green party more seriously," he said, speaking to suggestions that party leader MP Elizabeth May could be included in the televised debates this year.

"I think it does mean that going into this election this year, people are going to start thinking about four parties – outside of Quebec – four main parties."

The high school math teacher at I.E. Weldon Secondary School, MacCallum says his interest in conservation blossomed when working with students on various eco-teams throughout the years. In 2006, he became a life coach as a side job and slowly began integrating green components into his practice until he also advised people on green living.

MacCallum touts the Green party's commitment to MP independence as one of the benefits of having a Green representative.

"The MPs don't get whipped. The MPs are free to vote however their constituents want them to vote," he says. If elected, he pledged to listen to what local people wanted and represent that to the House of Commons rather than parroting the party line.

He said the Greens' focus on environmental and economic sustainability is part of what the party has to offer Canadians.

"We're looking at not just making changes so that our environment is more sustainable, but we plan not to run deficits from one year to the next," he said.

"We feel that a sustainable economy means that you have to not leave an enormous amount of debt to the next generation."

Canada is in the process of transitioning to a "post-carbon economy," MacCallum believes, but he said the Conservatives are behind the ball on joining that movement.

"We believe that the Harper Conservatives are on a path to a crisis by not managing our post-carbon economy transition, which is already happening in spite of our federal government," he said.

MacCallum has never been a candidate before and just joined the Green party recently. He said he voted for the Green party, but was frustrated when candidates who lived outside of the riding where parachuted in during elections.

So he decided to run and was acclaimed by the riding association.

A vote for MacCallum will mean greater accountability in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, the candidate says.

"If you choose me, you don't have somebody who has to toe the party line. I'm a great listener and I believe that I would serve the people and not think of myself as a piece of a party in Ottawa."

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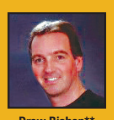
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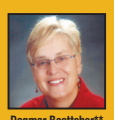
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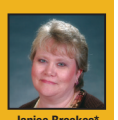
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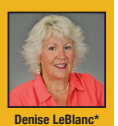
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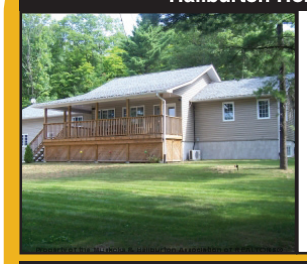

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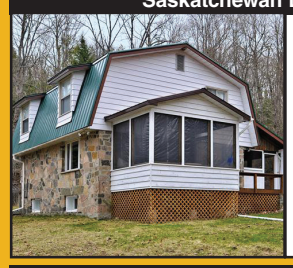

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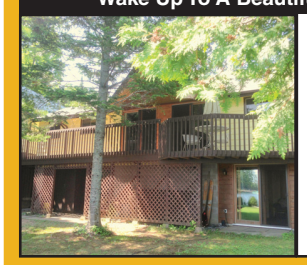

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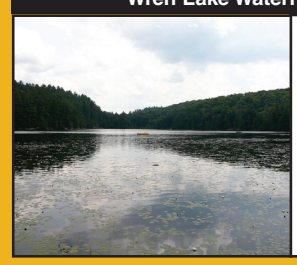
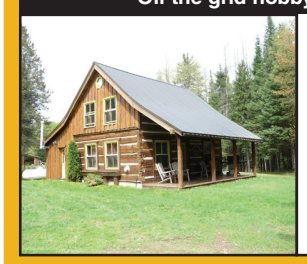


- `Paddlers Paradise` half acre lot with true Algonquin features,
- Slightly elevated with a southern exposure over quiet Wren Lake
- The lake is famous for "The Wren Canoe Route"
- 130 feet of natural shoreline, year round access

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26

Off the grid hobby farm $348,000



- 99 acres bordered by 40,000 acre reserve
- 150+ yr old square timber log home & barn
- All bush except 5-7 fenced acres for horses
- Solar & propane powered generator
- Very unique – 3 season access

Lee Gauthier 489-9968

Beautiful Little Hawk Lake $189,900

- One of the original water access cottages
- Rustic hand hewn cottage; West exposure
- Spectacular deck with amazing views
- Typical Algonquin-style lot; mature hemlocks

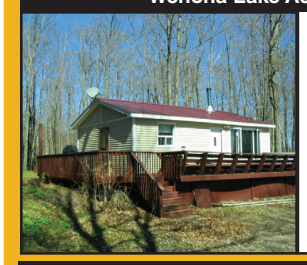
Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28

3+ Bedroom Minden Home $189,900

- Nice sized home in Village of Minden with decent privacy
- Updated interior with newer kitchen, washrooms, floors and very clean and tidy living space
- Paved driveway, nice deck, completely private behind the house with forest
- Located at the end of a quiet street in the downtown core, ideal place for a family

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29

Wenona Lake Access $149,900



- 4-Season cottage overlooking Wenona Lake
- Deeded lake access just steps away
- Full septic, drilled well
- New metal roof and woodstove

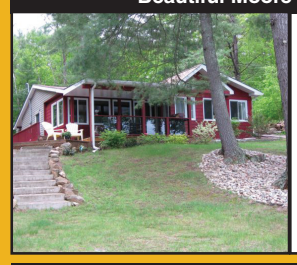
Susanne James & Andy Mosher
457-2128 x 33

Haliburton Commercial $224,000 + HST

- Wonderful downtown location
- Currently used as a triplex
- Commercially zoned for future
- Private parking

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23

Beautiful Moore Lake $349,800



- Beautiful 2 bedroom home or cottage
- Bunkie for extra space
- West exposure & private lot,
- Huge pines, granite waterfront

David Lee 286-2138 x 27

South of Minden $114,900

- Well maintained home in quiet community
- Newly shingled roof in 2012, bright kitchen
- 3 bdrms, laundry room, woodstove, office
- Loads of space, private yard

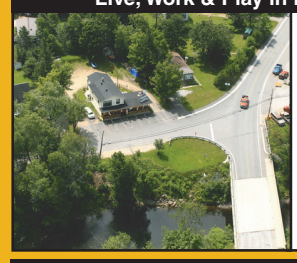
Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34

Opportunity Awaits! $134,900

- 1300+ sq ft home on 3+ lovely treed acres
- Central location between Haliburton and Minden
- 3 spacious bdrms, 2 baths, living room with woodstove
- Great project for the `handy person`, grow your value

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29

Live, Work & Play in Haliburton County



- Well established fully licensed restaurant
- Prime location; operates year round
- Spacious 3 bedroom apartment
- Call Margie or Tom Ecclestone for details

Margie Prestwich 705-306-0491

Loon Point Cottage $314,995

- 235 Feet of frontage on Tamarack Lake, very private w/ lovely shoreline
- Charming cottage with open concept living area, woodstove & skylights
- 3 bedrooms plus 1 bedroom bunkie with sleeping loft
- Comes complete with a workshop and Tiki bar right at the lake!

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28

Miskwabi Lake $279,000

- 155 feet of natural sand and rock shoreline
- South-east exposure and big lake view
- Level area from building site to the lake
- Area of fine homes and cottages

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24

Sunnyside Hilltop Lot $68,500

- Scenic hilltop views over Haliburton Village
- Multi-exposure 1.5 acre residential lot
- Private setting in area of finer homes
- Well-maintained Township road - a "Must-Buy!"

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52

Spring Into Action $274,900

- 5 Bdrm. Brick Home with 2700+sq. ft. of living space
- Completely Renovated over the last 9 years
- Large 30' x 12' Deck with Sunset Exposure
- Commercial Zoning Allows Many Uses

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32

Nestled in the Blairhampton $269,900

- 3+1 bedrooms plus 2 baths
- 3 acres
- Fabulous family and games room
- Quiet cul de sac.

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25

Haliburton Home $94,000

- Well-maintained, bright and cozy, 2 bedroom home
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Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25

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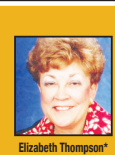
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An introduction to watercolour
Shelley Beach shows a piece of her work demonstrating styles of watercolour painting at Visible Voices Open Arts Studio in Haliburton on April 16. She was hosting a drop-in event at the studio, admission by donation. Since watercolour paint tends to flow and mingle on the paper, colour theory is important to know, she said. It's also important to know how to let go. "If you're a control freak, this could be trouble," she said. JENN WATT Staff

OPP reminds drivers of construction zone safety

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police would like to remind the motoring public of the importance of construction zone safety and reducing speed when entering areas of construction or in the area Haliburton County.

While the presence of workers on the roads, closed lanes and detours may be frustrating to drivers who are trying to reach a destination on time, remember that they are doing an important job and only have a short window of time in the spring and summer months to get it done. Caution in construction zones is vital for the safety of the workers as well as for the drivers.

Orange construction signs warning of work on the road ahead are your signs to reduce your speed. Construction ahead may mean that you will need to stop, change lanes, or take a detour so be prepared and watch the signs on the side of the road. Be prepared for detours and follow the signs as indicated. If the construction is on a route you normally follow, take a look at a map before you leave the house and find an alternative route you can use during the time of the construction. Fewer cars passing through the construction zone makes it easier for workers to get things done, and you won't have a frustrating wait in traffic.

If there is a traffic control person posted to indicate where your car should travel, follow their instructions carefully. Stop when you see the sign held up, and move cautiously when instructed that it is safe to do so. Watch for hand gestures indicating which part of the road is open for you to travel. Pass the traffic control person slowly and carefully.

Ontario laws double speeding fines in construction zones when workers are present. You can also be fined up to $500 dollars and three demerit points for not obeying the sign of a traffic control person.

Construction zones are hard to avoid and sometimes it can feel like they are everywhere you go. Slow down, drive carefully and be alert when entering any construction area. Make safety your priority.

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Attn: Event Organizers
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Tax Tips For Families With Children

■ **Child Amount:** Families will benefit from a $2,255 child amount for each child under the age of 18 for the last time in 2014. This will result in a federal tax saving of $338 per child. And if one parent cannot use the entire amount to lower their tax payable, the unused amount can be transferred to a spouse or common-law partner.

■ **Artistic Credit:** The Children's Arts Credit is another non-refundable credit worth up to $500 for children under the age of 16 enrolled in an eligible program. This could include language classes, Girl Guides or Scouts, art classes or ballet lessons. Again, keep your receipts to make the claim.

■ **Family Tax Cut:** For families where one spouse earns more than the other and have at least one child, they may transfer up to $50,000 in taxable income to help reduce their family tax liability. The maximum claim is $2,000.

■ **Save for Future Education:** Designed to help save for a child's post-secondary education, parents can make up to $50,000 RESP lifetime contribution. Canada Education Savings Grant (CESG) per year is $500.

■ **Credit for Being Active:** The Children's Fitness Amount is a non-refund-able credit is worth up to $1,000 for children under the age of 16 enrolled in an eligible program of physical activity. Not every program meets the eligibility guidelines so you need to ensure you know the requirements. Make sure you keep your receipts. Disabled children will also qualify for the credit if they are under 18.

■ **Universal Child Care Benefit:** This is available to any family with children regardless of their household income. It used to be available only for children under the age of six. However, effective January 2015, a new $60 per month component will be paid for children over five and under 18. The component for children under six will also be increased from $100 to $160 per month. Parents will receive a retroactive payment in July 2015 for the enhanced amounts for the first six months of the year UCCB is taxable in the hands of the lower-income spouse.

■ **Canada Learning Bond:** To help lower income families, the Government provides $500 in a CLB at birth for children whose families are entitled to the National Child Benefit Supplement. As long as the family is still entitled to the supplement, they will receive an additional $100 CLB each year until the age of 15.

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Minden Hills announces community torchbearer

Minden Hills is proud to announce Sue Shikaze as the Minden Hills community torchbearer for the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games Torch Relay, presented by President's Choice and OLG.

The torch relay will visit Minden Hills on Thursday, June 4 and will feature Sue Shikaze as the Minden Hills community torchbearer. Shikaze was nominated through a public process and selected by the local community planning team. As a health promoter with the HKRPD Health Unit, Shikaze promotes and lives by example, a healthy and active lifestyle throughout the community. She is the chairperson for Communities in Action and the Cycling Coalition, and also sits on the board of Take Me Outside, an organization that advocates outdoor experiences for children and youth.

"Sue will proudly carry the Pan Am flame as the Minden Hills community torchbearer," said Brent Devolin, reeve, Township of Minden Hills. "Minden Hills is excited to be a part of this historic journey and we look forward to showing our community to the world."

During the 41-day torch relay, each of the 3,000 torchbearers will complete, on average, a 200-metre relay segment. The torch will be carried by more than 60 modes of transportation and exceed 5,000 kilometres on the road and 15,000 kilometres by air.

"The torch is a unique symbol of the Pan Am Games and carries a powerful energy that will unite Canadians," said Saäd Rafi, chief executive officer, TO2015. "The torchbearers will proudly carry the flame through more than 130 communities, igniting the Pan Am spirit as they go."

Featured on the torch are the United We Play! pictograms — colourful depictions of people in motion —symbolizing the assembly of athletes through the celebration of sport and culture. The aluminum torch stands 65 centimetres high and weighs 1.2 kilograms (or roughly the same weight as a baseball bat). With a burn time of 10 to 12 minutes, the flame can withstand winds of up to 70 kilometres per hour and is visible in all kinds of weather conditions.

The Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games Torch Relay, presented by President's Choice and OLG, is supported by community partner CIBC and signature supporters Star Media Group and Metroland Media, Ontario Trillium Foundation and Porter Airlines. The torch relay will invite Canadians to celebrate and share the Pan Am spirit throughout its 41-day journey towards Toronto, the host city of the Games.

The torch relay starts May 30, and concludes July 10, with the dramatic lighting of the cauldron at the Opening Ceremony in downtown Toronto.

The Toronto 2015 Games are funded by the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario, as well as Lead Partner CIBC and other partners and sponsors.

For more information, visit TORONTO2015.org/torch-relay.

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Where: Dorset Community Garden/Portico Timberframe
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Trees: what a nuisance!

Greg Cholkan
The Law Talkin' Guy

You love the white birch that's been growing near your shoreline for almost two decades – that is, until its branches start falling and damaging your boathouse! But can you just whip out your chainsaw and let 'er rip? Not so fast, cowboy. Make sure you know your local rules and regulations first.

For instance, in the county of Haliburton, the Shoreline Tree Preservation Bylaw No. 3505 governs the removal or injuring of all trees with a diameter of 10 cm or more. Generally, you cannot cut down trees bigger than this within 30 metres of a watercourse. There are some exceptions to this rule, for instance, where the tree is dead or diseased or poses a hazard to people or property.

And here's another issue: what if a tree is on the boundary of two properties and only one of the owners wants it removed? The Forestry Act Section 10. (2) states: "Every tree whose trunk is growing on the boundary between adjoining lands is the common property of the owners of the adjoining lands."

Let's say a large branch falls off of a tree and causes damage to neighbouring properties. The tree is right on the boundary of two people's lots. One owner hires a certified arborist, who recommends that the tree be cut down: it has outgrown its location and is in decline as evidenced by its reduced vigour and ability to close over previous wounds and wall off exposed inner wood tissues. The expert concludes that the tree poses a safety issue.

What does the law say? Can one of the owners cut down the tree without the consent of the other?

In determining whether a tree should be removed, a court will either look to see if the tree has already caused damage, or it will rely heavily on an arborist's opinion. And once the court decides that the tree is a nuisance, it may "order that the nuisance be abated or removed." In the case of a tree that sits on the boundary of two properties, the cost of removal should be split by the neighbours.

Before you channel your inner lumberjack, make sure you're familiar with your local bylaws and other regulations. And remember, if you're civil, there are usually simpler solutions than taking someone to court!

Greg Cholkan is a lawyer, fisherman and Hemingway impersonator. He works in Huntsville and Haliburton with Barriston LLP and his practice focuses on real estate, wills and estates, and corporate matters. Follow him on Twitter: @gregcholkan

UPCOMING
Community Events

PARISH HOME INSPECTIONS

Dated Events

Know What to Expect When You're Expecting
When: Prenatal Classes Start Thursday, April 30, 6-8 pm
Where: Ontario Early Years Centre (83 Maple Ave., Halco Plaza, lower level) in Haliburton Village
Details: Join Family Health Michelle Phillips for this free series of classes that helps expectant parents learn about labour and birth, transition to parenting, caring for baby and breastfeeding. Each participant will also receive a free copy of the Healthy Beginnings pregnancy guidebook. Classes continue on May 14, 21, 28 and June 4. Pre-register by calling (705) 457-1391 or toll-free at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2203.

Haliburton Highlands Women's Golf League Ice Breaker Tee
Social evening, May 8th at 7 p.m., Haliburton Curling Club. Come to enjoy and register re renew your membership. All level players welcome. For info call Lynne Brady 705-887-4230.

Police Personnel Reunion
When: Saturday May 2nd 11:30 to 2:00
Where: Halibut Fish and Chips Restaurant, Bancroft
Details: Hosted by Toronto Police Radio and Electronics unit members. Civilian and Uniform and family members from all Police forces welcome. Meet up with friends, Make new friends. Find out who lives in your area, Please share info. Email dianehayward@bell.net for more information

Haliburton Concert Series presents the Gryphon Trio
When: Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
The first concert of our 2015 season features this wonderful violin-cello-piano trio. Details at www.haliburtoncs.blogspot.com. Tickets available from June Smith at 705-457-3272 or june.smith705@gmail.com. Three-concert subscription for the season is $60 adults, $25 students.

Highlands Festival Singers Concert
When: Sunday May 3 at 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday May 5 at 3:00 p.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church,10 George St. Haliburton (Corner of George & Pine)
Details: Directed by Melissa Stephens, Celebrate Spring's arrival with an uplifting concert called "Flowers and Gardens." Tickets $15 general admission. Available at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton, Minden Pharmasave, Minden, Cottage Country Log Cabin, West Guilford or by calling 705-457-4916.

Yard Sale, Gooderham United Church
When: Saturday May 16, 2015. 8 am to 3 pm.
Where: Gooderham United Church
Details: Light refreshments available. Donated items appreciated. Please, no large appliances, cribs or mattresses. For pick-up or drop-off call June at 447-2838

No-Family Doctor Clinic
When:, Wednesday, May 13
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton Village.
Details: Clinic provides free vaccinations for people without a family doctor. To book an appointment, call 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1507.

Meet the Nurse
When:, Thursday, May 21, 10 am to noon
Where: Wilberforce, Lloyd Watson Community Centre (2249 Loop Rd.)
Details: Parents with children up to age six years can meet with a Public Health Nurse, who can provide breastfeeding support, and discuss infant care, growth and development and other parental concerns. There will be a special celebration of Speech and Language Month in May with speech screening and free books for children. Call (705) 324-3569 or 1-866-888-4577 for more information.

Recurring Events

Kitchen Party Music Jams
When: Every Saturday From 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (continuous event)
Where: Dominion Hotel Pub, 113 Main Street, Minden, ON
Details: Musicians are welcome to come out to play and Fans are welcome to come out and enjoy the music at the free Jam Sessions every Saturday afternoon - 1st Saturday Folk/Celtic Music, 2nd & 5th Saturdays Mixed Acoustic Music, 3rd Saturday Country Music & 4th Saturday Bluegrass Music.
Contact: Gerry Mitchell at (705)799-5008 or by email at kitchenpartymusicjams@hotmail.com

Messy Church
When: Third Monday of each month, 4:40 to 6:30 pm.
Where: St. George's Anglican Church (617 Mountain Street, Haliburton)
Details : Come join us for a light dinner, crafts and Bible stories! All welcome.

Toastmasters
When: Wednesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Where: Minden United Church, Newcastle Street, Minden
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Haliburton Highlands Hand Weavers & Spinners Guild Open Studios
When: Daytime - Every Tues. 1-4
Evening the 3rd. Wed. of the month 7-9
Where: Zion United Church, Carnarvon
No Experience needed
Contact: Pat @ 705-286-6042 or andreacoysh@gmail.com

Dorset Quilters & Needle Workers Group
When: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
$1 per person

Dorset Evening Yoga Classes
When: Mondays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
$75 for 6 classes or $15 per class. For more information contact Caroline Leeder at huttcaroline@gmail.com or 705-767-1177

Haliburton Region Shout Sister! Choir
When: Practices are held Thursday nights from 7-9 pm
Where: Haliburton United Church, Fellowship Room, 10 George St., Haliburton.
Details: Directed by Laurel McCauley, Welcoming new members. We do not audition and learn our music by ear. All levels of singers are welcome. We sing a fun variety of music from pop and folk to Motown.

Legion Events

Branch 624, Wilberforce
Jan Simon PRO
Friday Pool 2:30PM
Ham/Baked & Scalloped Potatoe Dinner 5:00-7:00pm
Jam Session 7:30PM
Saturday Meat Draw 2:00pm - 5:00pm - Early Bird 3pm sharp
Monday Bid Euchre
Tuesday Executive Meeting 7:00PM
Wednesday Fun Darts

Branch 129, Haliburton
Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571
Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1pm
Tuesdays: Open dart night at 7pm
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 pm start
Bingo Doors open at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 7 pm - $500 Jackpot $1000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month
Thursdays: General Meeting Second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 pm. All members urged to attend
Ladies Auxiliary Last Thursday of the month at 1 pm
Fridays: Cribbage 1 pm start
Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 pm, Last draw at 6:30 pm, Tickets are $2 per draw…Chester Howse, MC
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 pm draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 am – 1 pm $6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.
Live entertainment featuring The Highlands Trio in the Club Room Saturday May 2nd 4-7 p.m. Enjoy pulled pork on a bun for just $5 - No cover. Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, call the Legion today for more information 705 457 2571 Please come out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129… everyone is welcome!

Branch 636, Minden 705-286-4541
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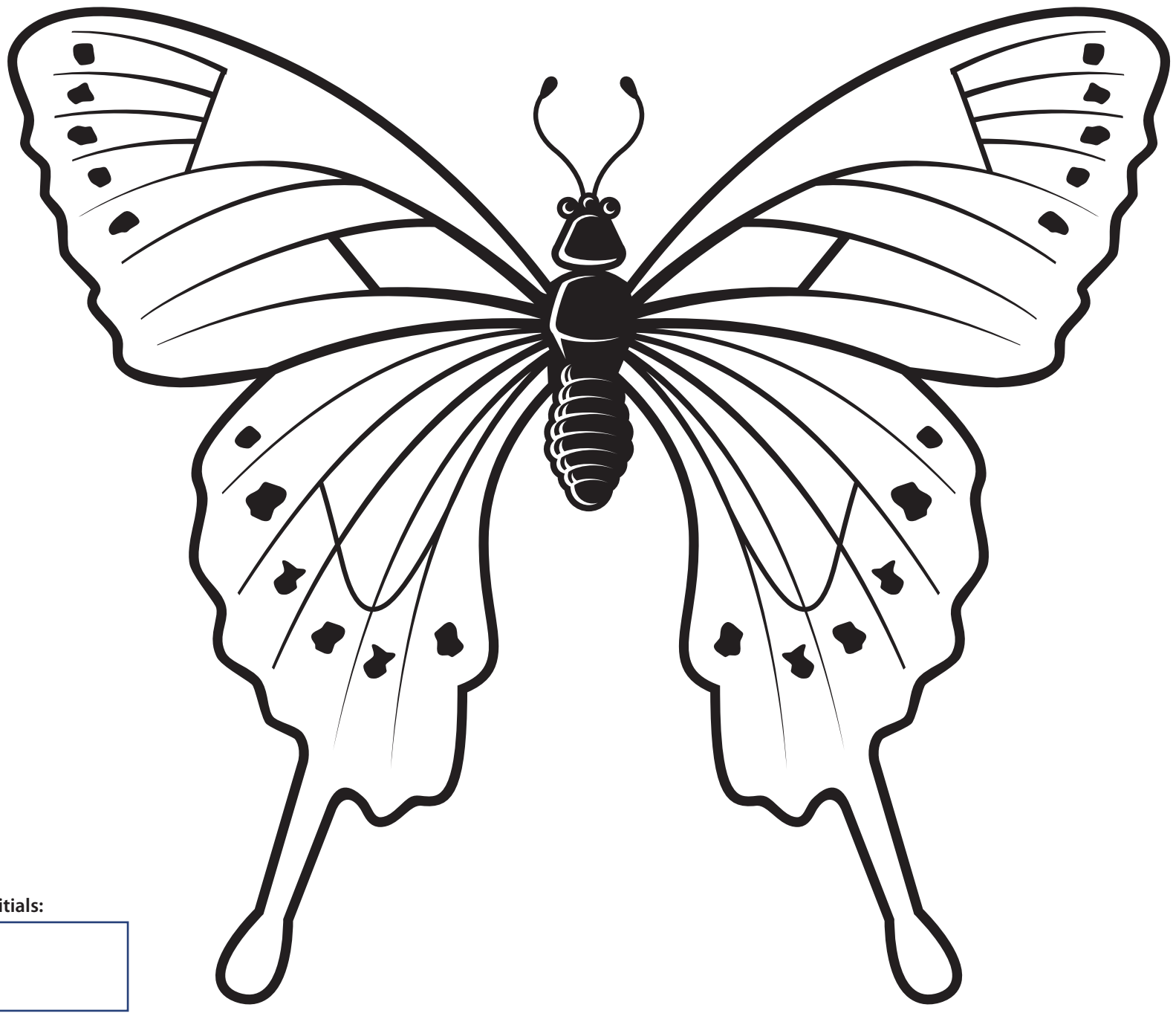
Tuesdays: Tuesday Liver & Onions special, plus full menu available 12-2.
On Fridays we serve beer-battered Fish and Chips for lunch or supper.
Friday lunch menu: beer-battered fish with fries or onion rings. Friday supper 5-7pm also chicken wings
Wednesdays: Meat Draw at noon, $8 buys 8 chances for butcher-quality meat.
Ladies Darts on **Thursdays**



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LUXURY ON KASH LAKE

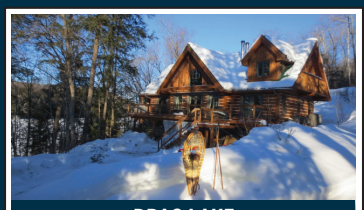
Over 3200sf living space. Guest bunkie/boathouse, det dbl grg w/insul workshop. Gourmet kitchen, massive windows, stone fp, master suite retreat & so much more.

$1,180,000

5 LAKE CHAIN

Charming home or cottage with English country cottage feel. Post & beam, amazing views facing west, excellent shoreline.

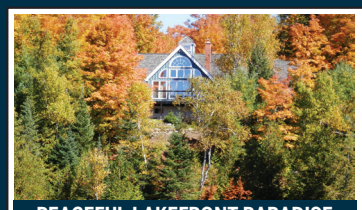
$999,000



DRAG LAKE

Log & Timber Frame crafted 3200sf masterpiece. 4 season paradise on 318' frtg. Conveniently 5 minutes to village.

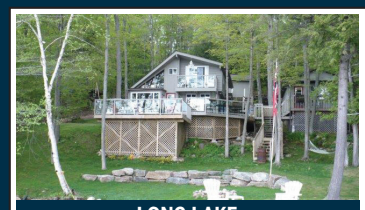
$995,000



PEACEFUL LAKEFRONT PARADISE

Over 3000sf Upper Canada post & beam on 17 ac with only 4 other owners & Crown Land. Awesome features, trails, maple syrup bush, dbl garage, sauna & more!

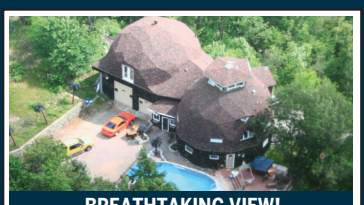
$799,999



LONG LAKE

1.5 stry cottage & 2BR winterized bunkie. Lakeside sauna, heated garage, Lots of decks & docking. Clean swimming. 2 lake chain.

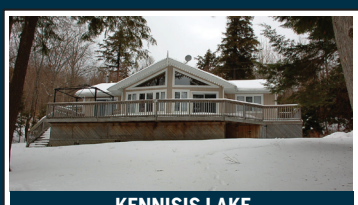
$564,500



BREATHTAKING VIEW!

Unique & fun architecture. Custom spacious multi-level 4BR. Panoramic views in observatory off the master! Att dbl grg & det 3car grg. All on nearly 5 ac.

$499,000



KENNISIS LAKE

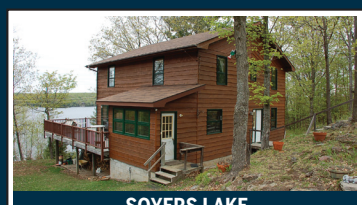
4 season. Sunset exposure. Spacious level lot. Oak cabinetry, B/I appliances, cathedral ceiling, 3BR/2Bath. Great shoreline, large dock system.

$495,000

BEAUTIFUL MOOSE LAKE

Spacious 3BR 4 season cott or home. Full fin bsmt, lg screen porch, sundeck w/glass panels, wood FP. Level lot, great shoreline, dbl garage & more! Watch sunsets from the dock.

$485,000

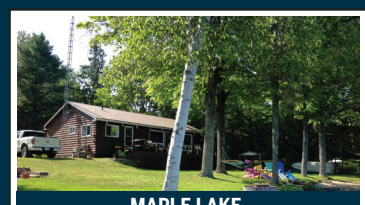


SOYERS LAKE

View, privacy, 5.4 ac. [illegible] maples for syrup. 5 lake chain. Clean, deep sh[illegible]ck & screen porch for sunsets! Custom built home, stone wood burning f/p. Main flr laundry.

SOLD

$479,000



MAPLE LAKE

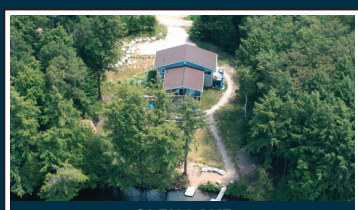
4br cott & separate deeded lot. Level & sunny, pure sand shore. Garage & shed.Excellent fishing, 3 lake chain. A great family cottage property.

$449,750

OTTER LAKE TRANQUILITY

4 Season Royal Home/Cottage. 8.84 acres, 379 Ft. FRTG on a no motor lake. 3+2 BR. Open Concept, Fireplace,Large Windows, Spacious Deck.

$439,900



GLEN LAKE

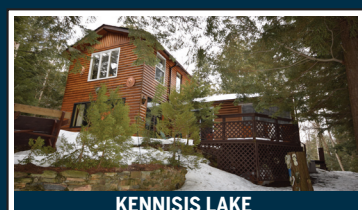
Cottage in ski area! Spring fed lake - quiet & private. Sunset exposure. Fully furnished & move in ready.

$433,000

KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE

4 season home or cottage. Close to village by boat or car. Open concept. Full fin bsmt. Cottage & then retire.

$399,000



KENNISIS LAKE

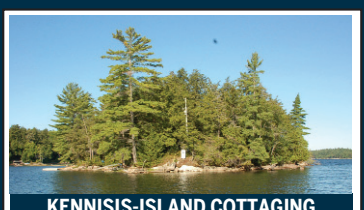
Private lot with 320 ft frtg. 2 Bedrm cottage, sunporch, stone fireplace. 2 Stry bunkie a great retreat for guests. Beautifully treed and great views.

$388,000

COMMERCIAL LOCATION

Pride of ownership. Many recent upgrades. Currently 3 tenants. Separate 2BR home. Many possibilites on this Hwy 35 location.

$359,000



KENNISIS-ISLAND COTTAGING

Private 1.59 ac island. 3BR tucked in the trees. Panoramic views.Stones throw from the mainland.

$359,000

CUSTOM BUILT HOME

Bright beautiful 3BR, cath ceilings, spacious oak kitchen, Oversized grg with finished loft. 1/9th ownership in Miskwabi Access Lot.

$349,000

NEW LISTING

PERCY LAKE

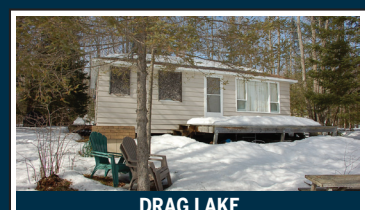
Cozy 2BR yr rnd cottage. Sunny deck, south exposure & gorgeous views.
Bunkie. Well treed & private.

$339,000

LOON LAKE

Level lot, sun all day. Sand shoreline. Great fishing & boating. 4 season 3BR, 4pc bath cottage. Screen porch. Close to Haliburton.

$314,500



DRAG LAKE

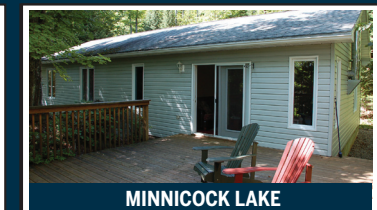
Traditional 3BR cottage has great potential. Sand beach. Level lot. Great views. Year round road.

$310,000

BITTER LAKE

Affordable cottaging. Yr rnd road. Sun all day, sand shoreline. Fish Bitter & Burdock Lakes. 2BR, 4pc. Garage! Very nice & tidy.

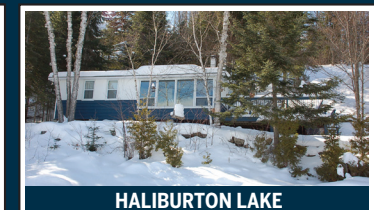
$299,700



MINNICOCK LAKE

Total privacy. 170' frtg, natural treed lot. Crown Land & share in 88 ac. Low maint Royal Home construction. Winterized 2 Bedrm.

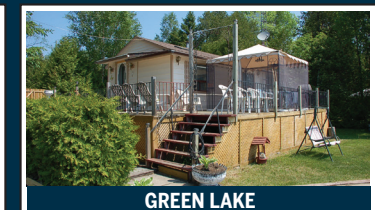
$298,000



HALIBURTON LAKE

Very cute & clean 2BR cottage on water's edge. Private. Upgrades to cottage. Enjoy it year round. Great opportunity on this popular lake.

$282,500



GREEN LAKE

Year round waters edge cott/home with gorgeous sand beach.Full w/o basement. Wrap around deck. Near golf course, ski hill, & shopping.

$279,900

HALIBURTON-SUNNYSIDE ST.

Walk to town. Treed private lot. Open concept, vaulted ceilings. Large wraparound deck. Huge recroom, Insul det garage. Nice design. Fresh Paint & Shingles!

$259,950

HALIBURTON, RIDGEVIEW ROAD

Sprawling 3BR ranch bungalow.
Private landscaped lot. Att garage, 1BR apt,
Excellent value for 2600sf.

$258,000

CHARMING HALIBURTON HOME

Walk to amenities, great home-business location. 2 stry, 3BR, totally renovated.Clawfoot tub, pellet stove, Covered verandah. Great character.

$248,500

WEST GUILFORD HOME

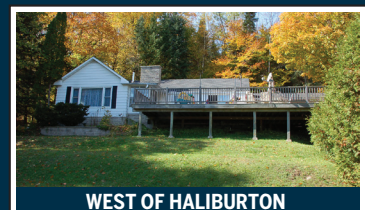
Great potential with Commercial Zoning, 2.33 ac lot & 496' frtg. Att garage.
Green Lake across road.

$235,000

PINE AVE, HALIBURTON

Newly renovated, great neighbourhood. Nice curb appeal. 3 bedrm, large screen porch. All on one level, landscaped, private back yard.

$214,900



WEST OF HALIBURTON

Sprawling 5BR bungalow with many upgrades. Dbl det garage. Huge deck. Very spacious family home. Lake access nearby.

$165,000